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Senator Assails Any Such Move as 'Terrible Blunder'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Sen. J. Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.) said Saturday night that he has learned that the State Department "has prepared a paper for the turning over of our nuclear weapons to the United Nations."

He did not give any source for the report, but said such a step "would be a terrible blunder and under no circumstances should the people of this country ever submit to it."

Thurmond made the remarks in a speech at a meeting of the Arkansas Department of the American Legion.

Assails State Dept.

He lashed at the State Department and said it should be "cleaned out." He called for enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine and said President Kennedy should tell the governments of Cuba and British Guiana that they must cut their ties with Moscow or "we're going to come down there and cut you loose."

The senator repeated a statement he made Wednesday that a world-wide gathering of Communists had decided last December in Moscow that something had to be done to muzzle America's military leaders and their utterances against communism.

But he did not elaborate on the statement, and when questioned by newsmen on the subject before his speech, Thurmond said "you can't

Hits Newspapers

Right after the Moscow meeting, he said, the New York Times, the Washington Post "and other left-wing newspapers" took up the "line" and began downgrading military leaders whom Thurmond called patriotic. He said he was not calling these newspapers Communist or traitors.

He was asked if he were trying to suggest that there was a connection between the Moscow meeting and subsequent efforts of the U.S. Defense Department to keep military officers from speaking at right-wing seminars.

Thurmond said he was not saying that there was or was not a connection. "All I'm trying to do is tell the people the facts," he said. "They can draw their own conclusions."

Thurmond refused to answer directly a question whether he thought there was a connection between the Moscow meeting and the memorandum that Sen. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, sent to the Defense Department. It recommended that military leaders stay out of politics.

Thurmond called the memorandum "a shocking document" and a "great disservice to the country."